

# AB489 • California

## Health care professions: deceptive terms or letters: artificial intelligence.

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Medium

Sector-Specific

Effective: Jan 01, 2024 | Last Action (Oct 11, 2025): Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 615, Statutes of 2025.

## Summary

AB489 adds Chapter 15.5 to the Business and Professions Code, addressing deceptive terms in healing arts. Specific AI provisions and penalties need bill text verification.

## Business Impact

If you use AI in healthcare, ensure representations are not deceptive to avoid compliance issues.

## Key Provisions

- Prohibits deceptive terms in healing arts communications (Chapter 15.5, Section 4999.8)

## Compliance Checklist

- Ensure all AI-generated health communications include required disclaimers and contact information. | Who: Entities developing or deploying AI technologies in healthcare. | Penalty: Each use of a prohibited term is a separate violation.
- Review advertising and functionality of AI systems to remove misleading terms. | Who: Developers and deployers of AI and GenAI technologies. | Penalty: Subject to enforcement actions by licensing boards.

## Industries Affected

Artificial Intelligence

Professional Services

Healthcare

Technology

## Topics

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Charles Calderon		Author
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## Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-09-08	AB 489 Bonta Concurrence in Senate Amendments	79	0	Passed
2025-09-04	Special Consent AB489 Bonta et al. By Weber Pierse	39	0	Passed
2025-08-29	Do pass	7	0	Passed
2025-08-18	Placed on suspense file	7	0	Passed
2025-07-15	Do pass, but first be re-referred to the Committee	13	0	Passed
2025-06-23	Do pass, but first be re-referred to the Committee	10	0	Passed
2025-06-02	AB 489 Bonta Assembly Third Reading	79	0	Passed
2025-05-23	Do pass.	14	0	Passed

## Official Source

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